As a long-term measure and to reduce the dependence of steel plants on external power supply, additional captive generation capacities are being created by setting up a (3x60 MW) Captive Power Plant at Bokaro Steel Plant and a (2x:60 MW) Captive Power Plant at Durgapur Steel plant.

Loss of production of steel due to lack of power supply

1716. SHRI SUKOMAL. SEN:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the loss of production in integrated Steel Plants at Bokaro and Durgapur and Alloy Steel at Durgapur due to power restrictions by the DVC in 1986-monthwise and plantwise;

(b) what is the manner in which Government and SAIL propose to apportion the loss of steel production in these plants .between DVC and plants;

(c) whether the DVC is likely to be asked to compensate the loss suffered by SAIL; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The month-wise production loss of saleable steel at Bokaro and Durgapur Steel Plants and of ingot steel at Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur in 1986-87 so far, mainly on account of power drawal restrictions imposed by Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has been as under: —

(Unit 1000 Tonnes)

Month	Bokaro Steel Plant	Durgapur Steel Plant	Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur
April, 1986	7·7	1·0	0·12
May, 1986	47·8	2·6	0·15
June, 1986	30·7	4·6	0·62
July, 1986	61.7	18·1	1·71
August, 1986	75·2	45·0	5·81
September, 1986	23·6	8·6	0·85
October, 1986	6·6	2·9	0·32
TOTAL	253·3	82·8	9.58

(b) Production of saleable steel at Bokaro and Durgapur Steel Plants is possible only with adequate availability of DVC power. The installed captive power generation mainly serves to take care of the essential category loads, safety of equipment and partly for the iron and steel zone.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The contract between the parties does not provide for compensation for failures to supply adequate power as per agreed demand.

Prospects of Kharif crops

1717. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister *ot* AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: